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AGREEMENT BETWEEN IGNOU AND FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Gandhi National Open University has signed pacts with some foreign universities;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the subjects likely to be offered under the agreement;

(d) the manner in which the Indian students are likely to be benefited; and

(e) the status of the degrees proposed to be awarded by these universities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)&(b) According to the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the University has signed pacts with foreign universities in 30 countries. Recently, the Board of Management of IGNOU has, in its meeting held on 24.3.2005, approved signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with six foreign institutions. The details are given in the Annexure.

(c) Major subjects to be offered under the agreement are Computer, Information Technology, Education and Agriculture.

(d) & (e) While in all cases, the degrees will be awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), in case of the University of Fiji, the arrangement for award of degree is yet to be finalized.

Annexure

List of foreign Institutions approved for signing of MOU with IGNOU

- Capital Normal University, Beijing, China.
- Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE), Mauritius.
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, US.
- Shandong Textile Vocational College (STVC), China.
- The University of Fiji, Lautoka, Fuiji Islands.
- Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada.